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1. EMBASSY OFFICER RAISED IAA STATEMENTS WITH SERGIO BATH, CHIEF OF FONOFF COMMODITIES DIVISION, WHO, AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH IAA, RESPONDED THAT BRAZIL'S POSITION REGARDING SUGAR SALES TO THE US WAS BASED ON FOLLOWING TWO POINTS:

(A) BRAZIL REMAINS STRONGLY INTERESTED IN US MARKET, NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF POSSIBILITY THAT QUOTA SYSTEM MAY BE REESTABLISHED IN FUTURE BUT ON BASIS OF STRICTLY COMMERCIAL CONSIDERATION THAT US REPRESENTS A LARGE AND IMPORTANT MARKET FOR BRAZIL; AND, (B) BRAZIL THROUGH IAA, CANNOT, HOWEVER, ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITY NOT TO SELL SOME OF ITS SUPPLY THAT WOULD BE IMPLICIT IN ANY KIND OF SUPPLY ALLOCATION POLICY, IN ABSENCE OF THE ASSURANCES OF SALES UNDER A QUOTA SYSTEM. BATH ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THIS CONCERN MIGHT ONLY BE THEORETICAL UNDER PRESENT MARKET CONDITIONS BUT COMMENTED THAT GOB DID NOT FEEL THAT IT COULD FOLLOW POLICY OF DIRECTING SALES TO THE US IN THE ABSENCE OF

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ASSURANCES PROVIDED BY CONTRACTS OR QUOTA ALLOCATIONS. HE SAID BRAZILIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON WAS BEING INSTRUCTED TO CONVEY

SAME POINTS DIRECTLY TO DEPARTMENT.

2. AGATT ALSO RAISED QUESTION OF IAA POLICIES WITH AGRIC
MINISTRY SECRETARY GENERAL ROMANO WHO RESPONDED THAT AGMIN
DID NOT HAVE AUTHORITY OVER IAA BUT SAID THAT, DURING INTER-
MINISTERIAL DISCUSSIONS, HE WOULD POINT OUT IMPORTANCE OF US
MARKET TO BRAZILIAN SUGAR FARMERS.
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